

Torrance Cagers in Beverly Hills Tourney

Saxons, Tartars Face Rough Foes

Both Torrance prep cage teams leap back into action Wednesday in first round play of the 14th Annual Beverly Hills Invitational Tournament with host Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and Ventura getting most of the pre-tourney rankings.

Torrance High meets Ventura's Cougars at 7 p.m. and North High tangles with a puzzling Mira Costa Mustang five at 2:30 p.m. in first round games. Coach Fanny Markham takes his Tartar Varsity into the Ventura game with the squad's strength still a question mark. He has 6'2" junior Rich Ruffell as his main shooting threat, but hasn't come up with some offensive support. Ventura has long been the breeding grounds for fine prep and junior college cage teams, but no record on the Cougars was available for this season's play. Markham will open with Ruffell at center, John Usab and Kent Kendall at forwards, and Mike Kendall and Mike Bertolo at the guards.

Gil Moreno Will Speak At NHS Fete

Gil Moreno, captain of the UCLA Bruin grid squad which will play Michigan State today in the Rose Bowl, will be featured speaker Jan. 12, at North High's first Father and Son Awards Banquet at the Western Club in Gardena. Moreno and another Bruin, possibly Fullback Bob Daver, will deliver the banquet messages. Saxton Coach Cliff Graybill said Friday, Graybill said Moreno carries the highest recommendations and praises of the UCLA athletic department. Members of North High's first athletic squads, the Varsity and Bee football teams and the cross country team, will be awarded letters at the fete. Dinner will open the affair at 7 p.m. Coach Willard Morgan will make the cross country presentations. Varsity coaches Graybill and Bill Ellings and Bee mentors Del Nuzum and Herb Blue will give out the grid awards.

All-Pioneer League trophies and medals, and the Most Valuable Player blanket to the top Varsity gridders.

Stock Cars Race Today At Gardena

With Dan Letner, Chuck Meekins and Scotty Cain expected to share the favorite's role, a class field of Southern California NASCAR drivers will tangle today in a 200-lap Grand National late model stock car race at Gardena Stadium. The 200-lapper will be the feature of an afternoon of racing, which is slated to start at 2:30 p.m., after time trials begin at 1 p.m. Letner, the 1965 National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) champion on the Pacific Coast, will be driving an Olds 88 in the grid. He was leading the pack in a recent 200-lapper on the Western Ave. track when he blew a tire on the 24th lap and had to settle for third place. Meekins, who came on to win after Letner had tire troubles in the 250-lap race, will be piloting a 1955 4-door Chevrolet. Cain will be driving a 1956 Ford, supplied by Oscar Maples of Torrance, in today's feature. Others counted on to be right near the top at the finish are Fred Steinbrunn, Torrance; and Eric Erickson, of Lancaster. An eight-lap trophy dash for the six fastest cars will also be a highlight of the program.

Hawks Surprise Five of Sam Barry Tourney

Harbor JC's hot-shooting Seahawks came within a whisker of bouncing highly-touted Los Angeles City College Friday night in the finals of the Sam Barry Memorial JC Tournament at Glendale, but couldn't quite catch the Cubs, who won out, 65-63. The loss didn't take any luster off the Hawks' fine showing in the tourney, however. They squeaked past three straight opponents in the consolation bracket, including Harbor surprised everybody, including themselves, as they weren't given any kind of chance to survive the first round.

Harbor meets Fullerton's Yellowjackets tomorrow night at Fullerton in a non-conference game. Coach Norm Kettering's five topped Ventura, 75-70, in the first round of the Sam Barry tour, then beat Orange Coast College, 58-57, and Compton, 57-56, on their way to the final. Jim Newman, 6'2" forward from Los Angeles' Jefferson High, led the Harbor surge. He got 20 in their win over Ventura and topped scorers again with 23 against Orange Coast. The first round LACC in the finale was its 19th in a row and erased any doubts the Cubs might be challenged for Southern Idaho supremacy in Jaycee cage circles. Ventura's Pirates came back to smash El Camino, 91-68, for the consolation title. George Stanich's Warriors had climbed back from opening round defeat by LACC, 88-52, to top Redley, 77-74, and Glendale, 74-57, to square off with Ventura for the third place championship.

Other Tourney Teams: Other teams in the tourney besides Torrance, North, Mira, and Harbor are: Fullerton, Redley, Glendale, Orange Coast, El Camino, and Santa Ana.

COACH MAROONED BY FLOOD WATER

Torrance High Coach Dave Dana, whose home is in flood-ravaged Humboldt County, said he was unable to leave the stricken area late last week and whether or not he will be back for the opening of school tomorrow is unknown. Dana, a graduate of Humboldt State College, at Arcata, went home for the holidays and hired friends here early last week that he couldn't get in or out of the area. The Eureka area was one of the hardest hit towns in the Christmas floods in northern California. Dana coached the Tartar basketball team last fall and is assisting Coach Fanny Markham with the THS cagers. He also is slated to take over as head baseball mentor at Torrance this spring.

McMaster Nails Down Flag Title

McMaster Park's flag football eleven dropped Waller, 13-6, last week for the city junior championship in a tight game on the winner's field. The champs scored both their touchdowns on the ground, with Quarterback Shelly Martin getting the scores on short end sweeps. Only after McMaster had scored both its tallies did the Wallertans score. Mike Sampson tossed a short pass to Al Hodgins, who romped 40 yards to paydirt. Al Bledsoe teamed with Martin to give the McMaster team their crushing ground game. Members of the championship squad, most of them footballers at North High, are Ray Westerman, Bob Silagy, Jim Snell, Pudge Johnson, Fred Lee, Tom Alexander, Dave Constance, Ross Groves, Doug Babbitt, Bill Wamamaker, Mike Drals, Jerry Haskett, Bledsoe and Martin.

Chansley in Weather Test

Sgt. Clyde E. Chansley, 23, whose wife, Doris, lives at 2603 S. Cypress St., Lomita, recently took part in cold weather squad and platoon tests with the 5th Infantry Division at the Grafenwohr training area in Germany. Carrying out tactical missions in sub-zero weather, the troops put classroom theories into practice. Sergeant Chansley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Chansley, De Valls Bluff, Ark. is a squad leader in Company I of the division's 11th Regiment. He entered the Army in September, 1954. ANNUAL CATCH: Maine fishermen annually catch a quarter billion pounds of seafood.

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City Hoop Loop Launches 1956 Slate Tomorrow Night at THS

Six teams are primed for the opening whistle of the Torrance Recreation Department's City Basketball League, which starts with a full three game slate tomorrow night in the THS Gym. Longren meets the Lutheran 1956 season, at 8:50 p.m. Knolls Drug then tackles Burchfield Rug at 7:55 p.m. and Kenny's Shooz tangles with Roy's Service in the 9 p.m. closer. Games will be played every Tuesday night at the gym, 2200 W. Carson St. The first game will start at 8:50 p.m. with the second and third game of each week's triple header set for the 7:55 p.m. and 9 p.m. Teams will have 15 minutes of grace before forfeiting a game because of insufficient players, Elmer Moon, city athletic director, said Friday.

Part of them also made candy at Mrs. Ramon Pickering's home. Those staying at the Lee home made cookies. After they finished their respective endeavors they had their party and ate same with punch they made too. Those cooking and eating were: Alice Dennis, Candace Fleener, Caroline Harris, Claudia Hoyt, Marsha Hurst, Vicki Lee, Joan Liechty, Marsha Moxley, Toni Pickering, Susan Strater, Lucretia Trotter, Roxanne Werden and Kathleen Zurborg.

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Reflections

BY J. HUGH SHERFEE, JR. HAPPY NEW YEAR Here's to the best a New Year can bring. To me a New Year is no more nor less than tearing off a sheet from my calendar; each and every morning I think of the day ahead as New. In it I can plot my course to a haven of isolation or to one where I can touch my neighbor's hand; I can wrap my dollars in unbreakable steel or I can make them bring joy and happiness to a fellowman. I can look at him, scowl or make a nasty noise with my lips or I can smile, say a few words of cheer. I watched a speeding train, windows were yellow jewels, as they flashed past me; on that train were people who have a destination. They'll greet friends or loved ones and the air will be turbulent with their happy words. They planned that journey; we too, should plan our New Year, or New Day, to arrive as the destination of Unselfishness. Happy New Year and a prosperous one to all of you. All of us at Stone & Myers Federal Home P.S.: Ethics forbid expressions of appreciation given to us in confidence to be repeated; ask any family we have served.

Public Notice

TORRANCE HERALD-426 NOTICE OF HEARING Notice is hereby given that on January 10, 1956, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. in the County of Los Angeles, City Hall of the City of Torrance, a public hearing will be held on various proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Torrance. All persons having an interest in such amendments are invited to attend said meeting and address the City Council thereon. M. Jan. 2, 1956

ELLINWOOD Sullivans Repay Blood Donors At Sumptuous Christmas Dinner

By JANET ROBINSON FR 5-7063 James and Joyce Sullivan, of 4539 Highgrove Ave., had a pleasant and unique way of thanking all the donors, who gave James pints of blood during his serious illness last spring, by having them and their families in for a Christmas dinner from 2 to 5 p.m., last Monday afternoon. Eight couples were present, with their 14 children. They were the Paul Strubles, Thomas Burns, Charles Duffys, Maurice Quinns, Ralph Hernandez, Mel Welles, and Jack Rice families. Joyce said they had a good time visiting that they spent their whole time doing just that!

Albert and Merla Wilson and two sons, David and Steven, of 4527 Green Meadows Ave., had a nice family gathering at their home both for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Albert's grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Klotz, his mother, Mrs. Gil Skimin, and Merla's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Gil Tarpley, were all present for the Christmas festivities and they had dinner together on Christmas Day.

Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Klotz and Mrs. Skimin left for their homes in San Diego. The Klotzes just recently moved there. They spent some weeks with the Wilsons after coming to California from Iowa.

Brownie Troop 239 had a Christmas party in which they all participated at their co-leaders home, Mrs. Ray Lee. Part of them also made candy at Mrs. Ramon Pickering's home. Those staying at the Lee home made cookies. After they finished their respective endeavors they had their party and ate same with punch they made too.

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Survey Shows People Like Job Public Schools Doing

Sixty-three per cent of the people of California approve generally of "the job the public schools are doing in educating children these days," and over 16 per cent more approve with some reservations, according to the Public Relations Advisory Panel of California Teachers Assn. On the basis of an opinion survey taken in a typical California city last August and just made public, figures were announced this week.

The survey, sponsored by the CTA at the request of the panel, was conducted by the Institute for Journalistic Studies of Stanford University, which selected Fresno as the typical community to be studied. It revealed that less than 14 per cent disapproved of the work the schools are doing and less than eight per cent had no opinion. In announcing the results of the poll in which 623 voters were questioned, the panel, composed of four educators and three businessmen, declared: 1. That young people, recent products of the schools, have more favorable attitude toward the job being done by the schools than older folks. Of people 45 and over, 59.2 per cent approve, while approval of persons under 45 was 66.2 per cent. 2. That people who have had contact recently with the schools through PTA, talks with teachers, and visiting schools, voiced more approval than those with fewer school contacts. 3. That 70.3 per cent of the parents of school children reg-

istered approval of the work being done by the schools, while 59.5 per cent of non-parents approved; and that while 11.5 per cent of parents disapproved, disapproval among non-parents was 15.2 per cent. Comparison Asked Persons interviewed were asked, the panel announced, to compare the performance of today's children in the 3 R's with that of children in former days. The results: 1. Twenty-eight and two-tenths per cent said children are doing better in arithmetic now, 27 per cent said children are doing about the same, 22.2 per cent said children were doing less well now, and 22.6 per cent had no opinion. 2. Twenty-eight and nine-tenths per cent said children can read better now, 21.7 per cent said children read about the same, 28.5 per cent said children read less well now, and 20.9 per cent had no opinion. 3. Twenty-two and eight-tenths per cent said children can spell better now, 27.5 per cent said children now can spell about the same, 32.7 per cent said children were poorer now in spelling, and 17 per cent had no opinion. Groups Studied Percentages of approval of the job being done by the schools today were registered by various groups as follows: College graduates—63.3 per cent approved; persons who went to school only to the eighth grade or below—66.4 per cent approved. Persons with the highest incomes registered the highest percentage of approval of all income groups with respect to the job the schools are doing today. Among persons with an annual income of over \$7000, 66.7 per cent registered satisfaction with the schools.

STADIUM SUN. — MON. — TUES. Kirk Douglas in "ULYSSES" and Farley Granger Anthony Quinn "NAKED STREET"

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LOCAL CAR... This 1956 Ford, sponsored by Oscar Maples Ford in Torrance, and driven by Scotty Cain, will be one of favorites to cop 200-lap special today at Gardena Stadium. Track promoters have impressive list of stock car drivers entered in one of usual holiday NASCAR sanctioned races.